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SUBJECT: SEMINAR ON HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE AMERICAS

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1. QUITO AGREES WITH OPINIONS OF OTHER POSTS REGARDING VALUE OF
DIALOGUE BETWEEN LATIN AND U.S. EDUCATORS AND NEED TO BETTER FOCUS
SEMINAR THEMES AND BETTER CHOOSE LATIN PARTICIPANTS.

2. LAST YEAR'S SEMINAR WAS PRAISED BY ONE PARTICIPANT FOR
GOOD ORGANIZATION AND HIGH QUALITY U.S. LECTURERS BUT THIS PARTICIPANT

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FELT LATIN PARTICIPANTS HAD NOT BEEN WELL SELECTED AND GROUP WAS TOO

HETEROGENEOUS AND DISSIMILAR IN INTEREST AND EXPERTISE. SOME TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION, SUCH AS PHETHORA OF U.S. PH.D'S HAD NO MEANING IN LATIN CONTEXT.

3. WE SUPPORT IDEA OF REGION ONE-WEEK SEMINAR UNDER IV PROGRAM IN AIRLIE HOUSE ENVIROMENT FOR BOTH LATIN AND U.S. EDUCATORS FOLLOWED BY INDIVIDUAL TWO-WEEK TRAVEL.

4. ADMINISTRATION EVALUATION, USE OF EDUCATIONAL MEDIA, OPEN CLASSROOM AND CONTINUING EDUCATION ARE PRIME AREAS OF CONCERN HERE.
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